

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COMMERCE LOAN FUND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2009 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMARIES**

REGULAR CDBG-ED PROJECT AWARDS

Locality	City of Hamilton
Project #	MT-CDBG-ED09-01
Assisted Entity	Ravalli County Entrepreneurship Center
Project Location	Hamilton, MT
Date of Award	2/11/2009
CDBG Funds:	
Admin Grant:	\$15,550
Activity Grant:	\$184,450
Other Funds	
U.S. Economic Development Administration - grant	\$1,621,440
Land – Ravalli County Council on Aging and Besseney family	\$1,021,440
Ravalli County Bank - loan	\$65,000
Ravalli County Economic Development Authority – loan	\$135,000
Ravalli County Economic Development Authority – equity	\$59,000
Montana Technology Enterprise Center – loan	\$25,000
Other bank loans	\$116,000
Total Project	\$3,242,880.00
Jobs Created	8
LMI Jobs Created	4

Use of CDBG Funds: The City of Hamilton was awarded \$200,000 in economic development funds to assist the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority in building the Ravalli Entrepreneurship Center, for the provision of business incubation services. The facility will be located in an industrial park on the Old Corvallis Road in Hamilton. The Ravalli Entrepreneurship Center will create three full time

equivalent positions. The Ravalli County Council on Aging and Senior Housing Cooperative will create five full time equivalent positions through the Entrepreneurship Center. There is a positive prospect of business growth and economic development in Ravalli County and the City of Hamilton, due to the Ravalli County Entrepreneurship Center.

Locality	City of Malta
Project #	MT-CDBG-ED09-02
Assisted Entity	Hi Line Retirement Center
Project Location	Malta, MT (Phillips County)
Date of Award	5/28/2009
CDBG Funds:	
Administrative	\$25,000
Activity	\$375,000
Other Funds:	
CDBG-Public Facilities	\$450,000
USDA – loan	\$3,924,000
USDA – Grant	\$228,000
Hi-Line	\$48,000
Total Project	\$5,050,000.00
Jobs Created	5 FTE
LMI Jobs Created	5 FTE
Total Jobs Retained	55

Use of CDBG-ED funds: Funding is being used for mandatory updates to the Hi Line Retirement Center in order to be in compliance with standards set by the Department of Health and Human Services. Activities would include a new heating and air conditioning system with zone climate controls, new nurse call system, sprinkler system, and kitchen remodel. Hi Line’s proposal is to retain 55 full-time employees, and hire an additional 5 full time employees.

Locality	City of Libby and Lincoln County
Project Number	MT-CDBG-ED09-03
Assisted Entity	Stinger Welding, Inc.
Project Location	Libby, MT (Flathead County)
Date of Award	7/6/2009
CDBG-ED Funds	
Administration	\$32,000
Activity	\$768,000
Other Funds	
Port Authority	\$3,400,000
BSTF	\$400,000
Glacier Bank	\$2,700,000
MBOI	\$3,400,068
Owner	\$1,000,000
WTG	\$1,020,000
Total Project	\$12,720,068
Jobs Created	131
LMI Jobs Created	67

Use of Funds: The County and City propose to use CDBG-ED funds to purchase crane equipment to be owned by the industrial park and leased to Stinger Welding once Stinger has completed construction of their facility and is operational. Stinger, a bridge and expansion joint fabricator business, anticipates hiring 131 employees within a 2-year period and up to 200 employees within 4 years.

Locality	City of Kalispell
Project Number	MT-CDBG-ED09-04

Assisted Entity	Flathead Valley Community College
Project Location	Kalispell, MT (Flathead County)
Date of Award	10/16/2009
CDBG-ED Funds	
Administrative	\$12,145
Activity	\$261,800
Other Funds	
Flathead Valley Community College	\$104,749
Vendor Discount	\$169,197
Total Project	\$547,891

Use of CDBG-ED Funds: The City of Kalispell is providing a grant for training expenses to Flathead Valley Community College to expand its welding and metals fabrication program. This grant would add an advanced welding and non-destructive inspection curriculum. Many regional businesses have expressed interest in and support for developing such a curriculum. The college proposes to train 55 students of which 28 will be of low and moderate income.

Locality	Choteau County / Town of Big Sandy
Project Number	MT-CDBG-ED09-09
Assisted Entity	Big Sandy Activities
Project Location	Big Sandy, MT
Date of Award	12/7/2009
CDBG-ED Funds	
Administrative	\$10,000
Activity	\$504,513
Other Funds	
CDBG-PF	\$450,000
Local	\$36,500

Opportunity Link	\$100,000
USDA Rural Development (loan)	\$346,000
USDA RD (grant)	\$115,500
Total Project	\$1,562,513
Jobs Retained	45
LMI Jobs Retained	28

The County and Town propose to use CDBG-ED funds to help construct a new Big Sandy Activities (BSA) facility. The current building that houses BSA is not in compliance with life safety code and has multiple deficiencies. There are 21 clients of BSA that have multiple disabilities and other health problems that receive services. This is a job retention project.

CDBG-ED PLANNING GRANTS

Location	Powder River County
Project Number	MT-CDBG-EDPG09-01
Project	Powder River Manor Nursing Home, Powder River Medical Facility
Project Location	Broadus, MT
Date of Award	1/7/2009
CDBG-ED Funds	\$15,000
Other Funds	
Holy Rosary Healthcare Mission Fund	\$3,000
Montana Community Foundation	\$10,000

Use of CDBG-ED Funds: Funding will be used for a feasibility study to determine whether or not it's feasible to expand the County's nursing home facility with additional medical services to create a critical access facility. This expansion could lead to the retention of up to 50 jobs.

Location City of Dillon

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-04

Project Barrett Hospital

Project Location Dillon, MT (Beaverhead County)

Date of Award 7/22/09

CDBG-ED Funds \$16,064

Other Funds

Barrett Hospital \$16,064

Job Creation 16 potential

Use of CDBG-ED Funds: The City has received a CDBG-ED planning grant to assist with a preliminary engineering report for extension of water, sewer, street and utilities; a traffic impact study; and preparation of a CDBG-ED grant application for funding to assist with infrastructure costs towards the construction of a new hospital facility. Barrett Hospital and HealthCare has plans to construct a hospital facility with costs estimated between 27 and 30 million dollars. The new facility will help create up to 16 new jobs.

Location City of Shelby

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-05

Project Champions Memorial Park

Project Location Shelby, Mt (Toole County)

Date of Award 7/22/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$15,000

Other Funds

Champions Park Committee \$13,000

City of Shelby \$2,000

Use of CDBG-ED Funds: The funding will enable the city to cover costs related to the planning and design of interpretive kiosks, signage and audio/visual attractions for the Champions Park Memorial site. The Champions Park Memorial site is to commemorate the famous Dempsey Gibbons World

Heavyweight Championship fight, homesteading, the regional oil and gas boom, and the coming of the railroad. Property for the memorial was donated by Pizza Hut.

Location Town of Stevensville

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-06

Project Stevensville – Industrial Park Infrastructure

Date of Award 8/17/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$20,000

Other Funds

Town of Stevensville \$5,000

Ravalli County \$5,000

Use of CDBG-ED Funds: This award will assist with the costs associated with the completion of a feasibility study for and creation of a tax increment financing district for an existing industrial park, and for the financing of a preliminary engineering report to support an application to the Economic Development Agency and the Montana Department of Commerce for an infrastructure proposal.

The preliminary engineering report seeks to address a decaying infrastructure issue that must be resolved in order to bring the area sewer and water system into compliance with government guidelines. It will be of great benefit to existing businesses that are located at the industrial park and other businesses that want to locate to the property.

Location Carbon County

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-07

Project St. John's Lutheran Ministries, senior housing community

Project Location Red Lodge, MT

Date of Award 10/16/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$26,250

Other Funds

St. John's Lutheran Ministries \$32,500

The County is using planning grant assistance to enable St. John's Lutheran Ministries to complete feasibility studies and construct a preliminary design associated with the construction of a new senior housing community that includes a 24 unit assisted living home. The completion of the housing community would create 16 full time employees. The studies and design work is required for a USDA loan.

Location Town of Hot Springs

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-08

Project Hot Springs Medical Clinic

Project Location Hot Springs, MT (Sanders County)

Date of Award 11/9/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$20,000

Other Funds

Sanders County Hospital District \$20,000

The Town is applying for planning grant assistance to Eastern Sanders County Hospital District, dba Hot Springs Medical Clinic to complete a preliminary architectural plan to include a schematic design, design development and cost estimates for design alternatives for consideration relative to a new building. The clinic's current building is in very poor condition. The overall project will double the area of the size of the clinic and is projected to retain the existing 5 jobs and attract additional specialist or "visiting" doctors to the clinic.

Location Town of Sunburst

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-09

Project North Toole County – Economic Study

Project Location North Toole County

Date of Award 11/20/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$20,500

Other Funds

Chevron \$15,000

North Toole County Economic Development \$5,500

The Town of Sunburst is applying for planning grant assistance for an extensive economic study of the north Toole County area. The study will be performed by the U of M Bureau of Business and Economic Research and will assess the area's current and future economic conditions to help determine potential local business opportunities and community needs.

Location SBDC

Project Number MT-CDBG-MOA

Project Small Business Development Center Bureau

Date of Award 5/22/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$41,700

To assist the Small Business Development Center Bureau (SBDC) in providing outreach, counseling, training, and technical assistance to small businesses.

Location Missoula Area Economic Development Corp

Project Number MT-CDBG-EDPG09-03

Project Gran Administration

Date of Award 5/22/2009

CDBG-ED Funds \$7,476

Provide administrative assistance to the Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation for Wood Products Industry Recovery and Stabilization applications.

***MONTANA WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY RECOVER AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM
WPIRS***

Locality Ravalli County

Project # STMFSR-51-CDBG-1-0001

Assisted Entity Neville Log Homes

Project Location Victor

Date of Award 8/17/2009

CDBG Funds:

Administrative \$370,000

Activity \$30,000

Other Funds:

EDA - WPIRS \$250,000

State - WPIRS \$380,000

Owner \$500,000

First State Bank \$445,612

Asset Sales \$45,924

Lost Wages \$289,036

Total Project \$2,310,572

Job Creation 16

LMI Jobs 16

Neville Log Homes, a log home builder, has been in business since 1978. Neville requested CDBG WPIRS funding for working capital and debt service, State WPIRS for debt service, and EDA WPIRS for working capital. At the date of award, Neville had 6 employees and planned to hire 50 FTE's with benefits within the next 24 months.

Locality Flathead County

Project # STMFSR-51-CDBG-1-0002

Assisted Entity Smith Logging, Inc.

Project Location Kalispell

Date of Award 10/16/2009

CDBG Funds:**Administrative** \$10,000**Activity** \$200,000**Other Funds:****Glacier Bank** \$235,000**Total Project** \$445,000**Jobs Retained** 15**LMI Jobs Retained** 9

Flathead County received \$216,000 in CDBG WPIRS funds for a working capital loan to Smith Logging, a logging and log hauling contractor that has been in business since 1984.

Locality Powell County**Project #** STMFSR-51-CDBG-1-0003**Assisted Entity** Sun Mountain Lumber, Inc.**Project Location** Deer Lodge**Date of Award** 10/16/2009**CDBG Funds:****Administrative** \$10,000**Activity** \$345,000**Other Funds:****Owner** \$2,550,000**Total Project** \$2,905,000**Jobs Retained** 15**LMI Jobs Retained** 8

Powell County received \$355,000 in CDBG-WPIRS funds for a working capital loan Sun Mountain Lumber, a lumber mill in Deer Lodge. Sun Mountain hopes to create (rehire) 15 positions of which 8 will be made available to low and moderate income persons.

Locality	Flathead County
Project #	STMFSR-51-CDBG-1-0004
Assisted Entity	John Jump Trucking, Inc.
Project Location	Kalispell
Date of Award	12/10/2009
CDBG Funds:	
Administrative	\$16,670
Activity	\$258,403
Other Funds:	
EDA-RLF	\$75,000
Three Rivers Bank	\$720,000
Total Project	\$1,070,073
Jobs Retained	21
LMI Jobs Retained	15
Jobs Created	5
LMI Jobs Created	3

Flathead County received \$400,000 in CDBG WPIRS funding for a machinery, equipment and working capital loan to John Jump Trucking, Inc. John Jump Trucking (JJT) has been in the Flathead Valley for over 50 years. Historically, JJT has been in the log and equipment hauling business. During the last three years JJT has diversified the business to include grinding and hauling woody biomass. JJT currently has contracts to supply woody biomass for energy use to Glacier High School as well as other companies throughout the Northwest. Grinding and removal services are contracted all over Flathead County and Northwest Montana including the Flathead County and surrounding area landfills. JJT is proposing to retain 21 employees of which 15 are low and moderate income and create 5 new jobs of which 3 will be made available to low and moderate income persons.

Locality	Broadwater County
Project #	STMFSR-51-CDBG-1-00005
Assisted Entity	Centennial Wood Products
Project Location	Near Three Forks
Date of Award	12/10/2009
CDBG Funds:	
Administrative	\$13,590
Activity	\$271,796
Other Funds:	
Owner	\$574,944
Total Project	\$860,330
Jobs Retained	6
LMI Jobs Retained	6
Jobs Created	6
LMI Jobs Created	6

Broadwater County received \$285,386 in CDBG-WPRS funding for a machinery, equipment and working capital loan to Centennial Wood Products. Centennial Wood Products was founded in 1987 and is a value added producer of grade stakes used in the construction industry. In 2007, Centennial Wood Products moved to its' present facility to better accommodate its' current production levels and allow for further expansion.

CDBG-ED FUNDING DIRECTED TO WOOD PRODUCT INDUSTRY RELIEF

Locality	Lake County
Project #	MT-CDBG-ED09-05
Assisted Entity	Triple B Fabrication, Inc. / Triple B Logging, Inc.
Project Location	Big Fork, MT

Date of Award 10/16/2009

CDBG Funds:

Administrative \$10,000

Activity \$247,000

Other Funds:

MCDC / USFS Grant \$19,000

LCCDC IRP Fund \$150,000

Access Capital \$34,000

Total Project \$598,000

Jobs Retained 7

LMI Jobs Retained 5

Jobs Created 3

LMI Jobs Created 1

Lake County received \$285,386 in CDBG-WPIRS funding to assist Triple B. Fabrication and Triple B. Logging. A loan to Triple B. Fabrication is intended to refinance real estate. A loan to Triple B. Logging is intended for machinery and equipment.

Locality City of Columbia Falls

Project # MT-CDBG-ED09-06

Assisted Entity Hanson Trucking, Inc.

Project Location Columbia Falls, MT

Date of Award 10/16/2009

CDBG Funds:

Administrative \$8,000

Activity \$210,000

Other Funds:

State WPIRS \$175,000

Owner \$35,000

Total Project \$428,000

Jobs Retained 50

LMI Jobs Retained 31

Powell County received \$218,000 in CDBG-WPIRS funds for a working capital loan Hanson Trucking, Inc., a sawmill residual transportation company located in Columbia Falls, MT.